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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the March 6, 2007 Action, the claims are restricted to Group I, including claims 1-3 directed to a process for producing an alkylene oxide addition product, Group II, including claims 4-6 directed to a process of producing a (meth)acrylate ester, and Group III, including claims 7-9 directed to a process of producing a (meth)acrylate copolymer. Applicants provisionally elect the Group III claims, including claims 7-9 directed to the process of producing a (meth)acrylate copolymer. This election is made with traverse.

The restriction is based on the claims allegedly failing to satisfy the unity requirements under PCT Rule 13.1. The Action contends that the three groups have different objectives, and thus, do not have the required common technical feature to satisfy the requirements for unity. Applicants respectfully disagree. Each group of claims specifically recites the production process for producing the alkylene oxide addition product by a specifically recited method. The recited method in each of the groups of claims is an important feature of the invention. Since the

process steps appear in each group of claims, Applicants submit that the claims satisfy the unity requirements under the PCT rules.

Accordingly, Applicants submit the restriction should be withdrawn. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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